

based and demand driven farming, achieving integration of food processing infrastructure from farm to market, promoting a dynamic food processing industry which could result in trebling the size of the processed food sector by increasing the level of processing of perishables from 6% to 20%, value addition from 20% to 35% and share in global food trade from 1.5% to 3% by 2015. Under the Vision 2015, the thrust areas identified for strategic intervention are establishing Mega Food Parks, Modernization of abattoirs, Cold-chain/value addition and preservation infrastructure, capacity building by setting up of National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), enacting Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, upgrading safety and quality of street food and establishment/ upgradation of Quality Control Laboratories, Government has identified strategies along with a detailed action plan in this regard to realize the Vision 2015. An estimated investment of Rs. 100,000 crores is required to achieve the Vision 2015.

Food Processing Units in Sikkim

577. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to set up food processing industry in the State of Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of financial allocation made by Government to set up food processing units in Sikkim during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under its plan schemes provides financial assistance in the form of grant in aid for Technology Upgradation/ Establishment/Modernization of food processing industries upto 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas and up to 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas to various implementing agencies for the overall development of Food Processing Industry. Further, enhanced level of assistance (credit-linked back ended) for setting up/upgradation/modernization of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Units is available for all

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implementing agencies under the Mini Mission-IV of Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh @ 50% of cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 4.00 crores for establishment of new units and Rs. 1.00 crore for upgradation and modernization of existing units. The Schemes of the Ministry are project oriented and not State specific. Assistance is considered based on complete and viable project proposals received through respective State Nodal Agencies. As such, State-wise financial allocations are not made. The Ministry does not set up projects on its own.

Sanctioning of food processing industries

578. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food processing industries sanctioned and money allocated in the last two years;

(b) whether any industry has been sanctioned for Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) During the period 2004-05 to 2006-07 (upto February 2007), a total of 799 food processing units in the country have been sanctioned financial assistance amounting to Rs. 24383.97 lakhs. Of this, 136 food processing units belong to Maharashtra which have been sanctioned a grant of Rs. 3783.57 lakhs.

Increase in share of food processing market

†579. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in spite of India being among major foodgrains producers in the world, its share is less than even one per cent in processed food market;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.